

The Dutch Roquade project.

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Overview

- Roquade: an infrastructure for academic publishing.
- The organisation model of Roquade.
- A European community of practice: Signal Hill.



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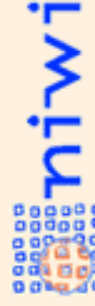
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ROQUADE

Infrastructure for electronic publishing.

Point of departure: author's interests.

Directed towards all disciplines.

Not a publisher, in the traditional sense of the word, but an assistance to scientists, research groups, institutes to become publishers themselves.

Mission and features of Roquade

- Enhancing scholarly communication in its full diversity
- Supplying knowledge, tools and people in the publishing area
- Not profit driven
- Community of practice

Philosophy behind Roquade

- Scientific knowledge thrives on the symbiosis of creation & communication.
- Organising **both** processes is the rationale of a university.
- Outsourcing scholarly communication has seriously damaged ('elseviered') universities.

Roquade: the project

Setting up the infrastructure:

- the organisation; the production process.

The development phase:

- infrastructure is tested in pilots and adapted if necessary.

The result:

- a viable organisation with a good reputation.

Roquade publishing services

moderated
pre-print service

traditional
electronic
publishing

Publication site
with peer review

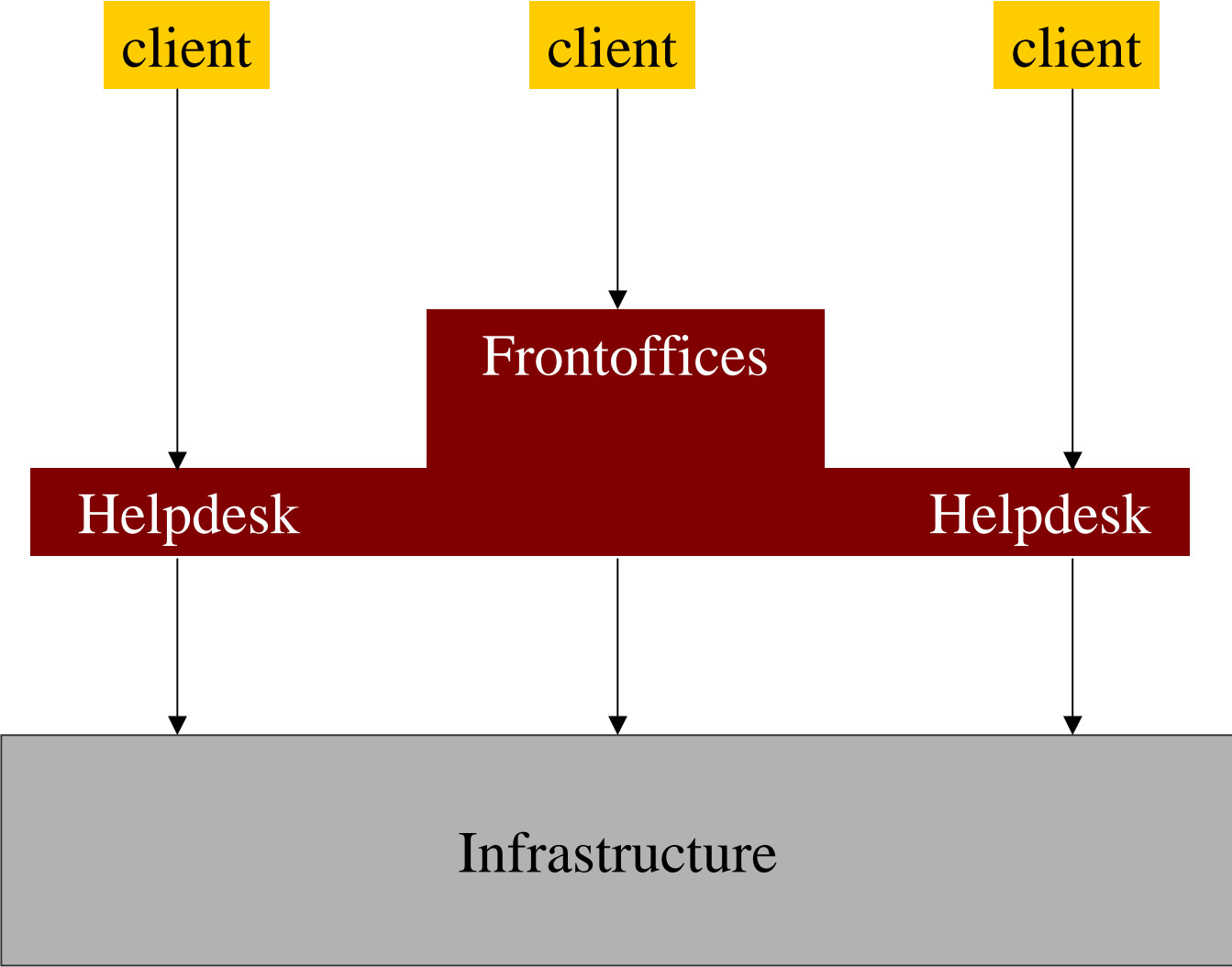
technical and organisational infrastructure

Critical Success Factors

- Variety of options; from classical to vanguard
- Get-at-able infrastructure enabling academics and academic organisations to become publishers
- Copyright remains with author
- Decentralised structure
- Non-profit: fair prices for publication and subscription

Structure of Roquade

- Steering group (Royal Academy, Universities of Delft and Utrecht)
- Back office (co-ordinator + pool of specialists in Delft, Utrecht, Amsterdam for maintenance and upgrade of self publishing and administrative tools and know how books)
- Front offices = franchisees of the Roquade brand (Delft, Utrecht, Amsterdam, new front offices + central contact and help-desk)
- Satellites (autonomous publishing initiatives and projects) = clients of front offices



Current Roquade satellites

- **Journals**
 - International Journal of Integrated Care
 - International shipbuilding progress
 - European Journal of Transport and Infrastructure Research
 - Kronos - Journal of Cape History
 - Veterinary Sciences Tomorrow
 - The Veterinary Quarterly
 - Ars Disputandi
 - Studies in Mycology
 - Ancient Narrative
 - Neerlandistiek.nl
 - Cahiers voor Geschiedenis en Informatica
- **Journals in co-publishing**
 - Pedagogiek
 - Tijdschrift voor Hoger onderwijs
- **Publication sites**
 - Design Research Internet Magazine
 - Interactive Publication: European Journal of Transport and Infrastructure Research
 - Syntactic Microvarition
- **Grey Literature**
 - Newsletter Historia & Informatica
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European Partnership on Scholarly Publishing



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European partnership on academic publishing

Network of initiatives on electronic academic publishing for organisations with the following features:

- part of (an organisation) within the academic community itself;
- concentrating on electronic publishing;
- non-profit (fair prices, possibly free of charge);
- copyright remains with the authors.

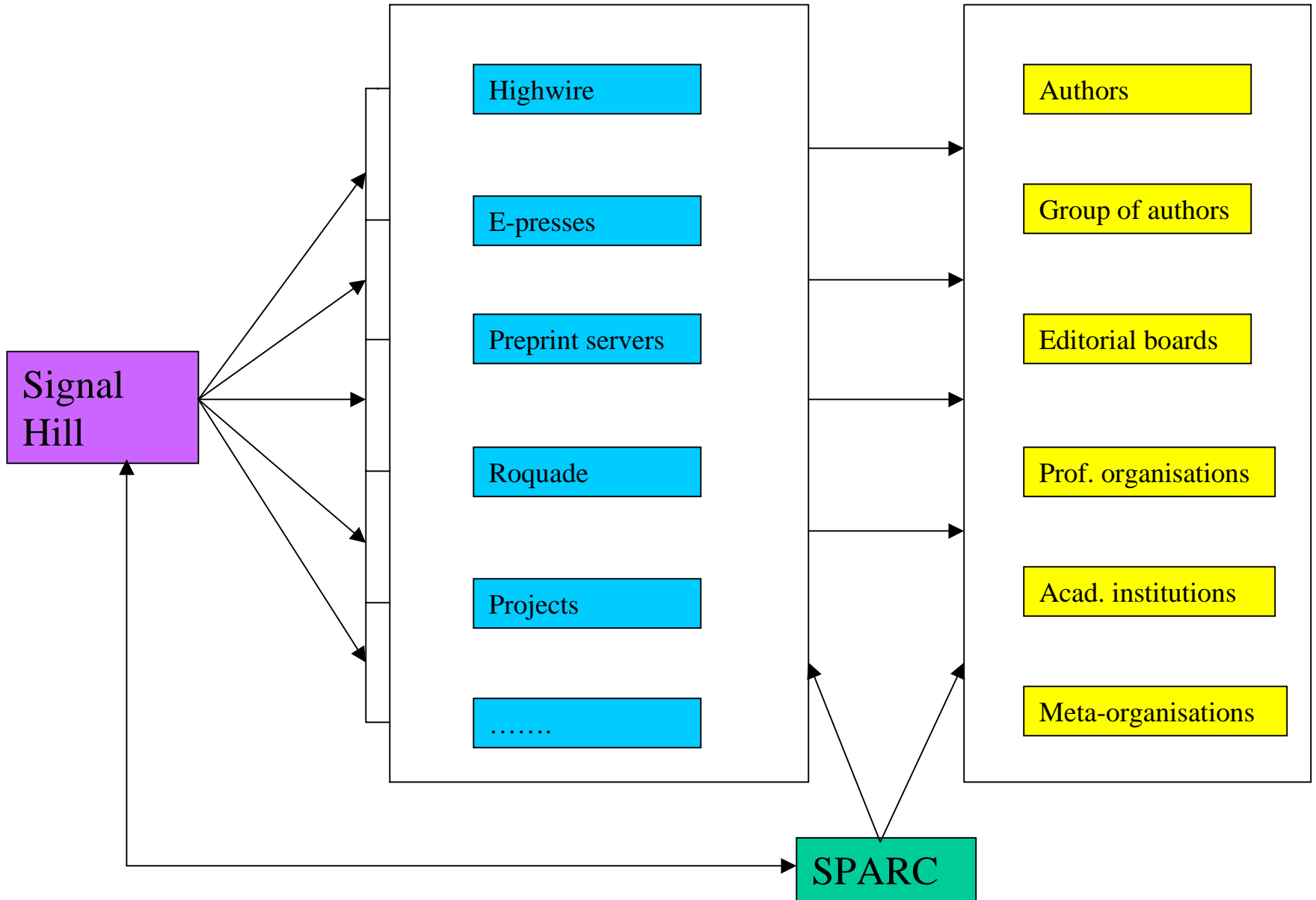
European partnership on academic publishing

Objectives:

- creating awareness for innovative ways of academic publishing;
- sharing experience in new ways of (supporting) academic publishing;
- sharing software for the support of electronic publishing;
- sharing publications;
- presenting linking facilities;
- setting up a network for printing on demand.

E-Publishing Facilitators

Academic community



Planned activities

- Website (first half of March 2001).
- Intranet for participating organisations (April 2001).
- Active search for new partners.
- European conference to stimulate the aims of the partnership (February 2002, Utrecht).
- Investigation of new business models.

When everything is under control, you are going too slowly.

Mario Andretti.

For more information:

www.roquade.nl

www.signal-hill.org